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MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-THIRD (SPECIAL) MEETING OF THE USIB ELINT COMMITTEE
Held in Room 4 C 653, The Pentagon

Mr. Madison E. Mitchell, Defense Member, Acting Chairman
(for Colonel Charles P. Richman, USAF)

PRESENT:

STATE:

Mr. Richard E. Curl *

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NSA:

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CIA:

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ARMY:

Mr. Herbert W. Taylor

NAVY:

Commander Harry B. Pitcher
(for Captain Frederick Welden)

AIR FORCE:

Lt. Colonel Louis J. Anderson
(for Colonel William F. Scott)

JOINT STAFF:

Colonel Thomas L. Fisher, USAF
(for Colonel George E. Perry, USAF)

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:

Colonel Chas. M. Townsend, USAF

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ALSO PRESENT:

NSA

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CIA:

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ARMY:

Mr. Jack E. Thomson
Arnie L. Millican, Lt. Col., USAR (Ret.)

AIR FORCE

Lt. Colonel Charles D. Fisher

JOINT STAFF:

Captain Theodore C. Siegmund, USN

SECRETARIAT:

Major Alva H. May, USAF

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SUBJECT NUMBER

USIB-EE-~~5.2/72~~ ^{5.3/72} Item 1 on the Agenda for the Twenty-third (Special)
Meeting of the ELINT Committee, held on 15 January 1960.

Subject: Approval of the Minutes of the Twenty-second Meeting.

PROBLEM:

To approve the Minutes which had been submitted to the Members.

DECISION: (15 January 1960)

The Minutes of the Twenty-second Meeting were unanimously approved.

ACTION FOR U. S. INTELLIGENCE BOARD:

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USIB-EE-35./19 Item 2 on the Agenda for the Twenty-third (Special)
Meeting of the ELINT Committee, held on 15 January 1960.

Subject: Emergency Planning

PROBLEM:

To consider revised emergency plan submitted by the Ad Hoc Committee reflecting the recommendations of the Steering Group.

DISCUSSION:

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[REDACTED] Chairman of the Ad Hoc Group reported on the amendments which had been made in the Committee's ELINT plan in response to the recommendations of the Steering Group. He handed out a change sheet recommending certain amendments which had been proposed by the Joint Staff Member and approved by the Army, Navy and NSA Members.

The Air Force Member started a discussion on the matter of liaison under conditions of total or partial evacuation. This discussion was broadened to include the community's understanding of channels and the general functions of liaison.

As the Ad Hoc Group is scheduled to discuss the matter with the Chairman of the Steering Group, the CIA Member recommended that the paper be returned to the working group for submission of a revised version after this conference. This was agreed.

(The Ad Hoc Committee has scheduled a meeting for Monday,
18 January at 1330 hours, place to be announced by the Chairman)

DECISION: (15 January 1960)

To defer for consideration at the next regular meeting, pending submission of a revision resulting from the Ad Hoc Committee's conference with the Chairman of the Steering Group.

ACTION FOR U. S. INTELLIGENCE BOARD:

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SUBJECT NUMBER

USIB-EE-~~5.5/23~~ ^{5.5/9}

Item 3 on the Agenda for the Twenty-third (Special) Meeting of the ELINT Committee, held on 15 January 1960.

Subject: U. S. COMINT and ELINT PROGRAMS.

PROBLEM:

To consider Committee action required as a result of USIB review of USIB-C-5./6, and to concur with the COMINT Committee in a revision for Board consideration in light of the Board discussion.

DISCUSSION:

USIB-C-5./7, a memorandum to USIB which had been approved by the COMINT Committee, was circulated for consideration of the Members.

The Chairman and the Executive Secretary outlined the background of the problem. The Members discussed the matter at length, and there was some question with regard to the 15 March target date for completion of ELINT priority requirements. It was agreed, however, that it was desirable to make every effort to meet this date, and it was accepted.

"The NSA Member noted that his Agency was working on a requirements paper and suggested that this might be used as a basis for determining how to proceed with the required revision." requirements
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limitations of the Committee's responsibilities in this field. It was generally agreed that it was the task of the Committee to decide if programs meet requirements. limita-

On a move by the NSA Member, seconded by the Army Member, the memorandum to USIB was approved.

DECISION: (15 January 1960)

To concur in the memorandum to USIB (USIB-C-5./7) and submit it to the Board as the joint views of the ELINT and COMINT Committees in the matter.

ACTION FOR THE U. S. INTELLIGENCE BOARD:

To consider approval of the memorandum of 14 January 1960 on U. S. COMINT and ELINT programs submitted by the two Committees.

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SUBJECT NUMBER

USIB-EE-5./24 Item 4 on the Agenda for the Twenty-third (Special) Meeting of the ELINT Committee, held on 15 January 1960.

Subject: Elint Committee Actions in Fulfillment of its Basic Obligations and Responsibilities.

PROBLEM:

To consider report submitted by the Executive Secretary and determine what, if any, resultant action should be undertaken.

DISCUSSION:

The Executive Secretary outlined the background leading up to his report which had been requested by the Members at the Twenty-second Meeting. In discussion, two problems were considered:

a. What to do about Paragraph (3d) of DCID No. 6/2, of which the Committee has taken no cognizance. *unsatisfactory of Elint Objectives*

b. What to do about revision of ELINT requirements and priorities which now has a target date of 15 March for completion. (The result of action taken with regard to the U. S. COMINT and ELINT programs.)

With regard to a. above, the Members agreed that an informal group would consider ways and means of attacking the problem and propose a course of action to the Committee at a later date. This group would be composed of representatives from CIA, Joint Staff, NSA and Navy, which can be joined by others as desired.

With regard to b., at the Chairman's suggestion, the Members agreed to defer consideration until submission of a paper which the NSA Member indicated his Agency was working on, and with this as a basis of discussion, to decide on a subsequent course of action.

DECISION: (15 January 1960)

To defer to a subsequent meeting, pending informal resolution of certain questions on methods of procedure.

ACTION FOR U. S. INTELLIGENCE BOARD:

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SECRETARY'S NOTES:

1. The Twenty-third (Special) meeting, 15 January 1960, came to order at 0940.

2. The Chairman welcomed Mr. Richard E. Curl, new member for Department of State, who replaced Mr. Robert F. Packard.

3. In connection with review of the minutes of the Twenty-second meeting, the CIA Member requested information on actions being taken on some of the matters which had been deferred for later resolution. The Members discussed projects underway to fulfill certain specific Committee obligations.

4. Reference Item 2 of the Twenty-second Meeting, COMINT/ELINT [REDACTED] the Chairman urged that Members submit the reports called for in the Decision without delay. These [REDACTED] are to be submitted to the NSA Member who will send them, upon completion, to the Executive Secretary for circulation.

5. The meeting adjourned at 1105.

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